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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET, 8 TH FLOOR		
	SUBJECT	CCB #09-0305/ CITY PROPERTY- RENAMING BENTALOU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #150 TO MARY ANN WINTERLING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #150		

TO

DATE:

October 15, 2009,

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 N. Holliday Street

At its regular meeting of October 8, 2009 the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #09-0305, which is for the purpose of changing the name of school known as Bentalou Elementary School #150 to Mary Ann Winterling Elementary School #150.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report which recommended approval of City Council Bill #09-0305 and adopted the following resolution, eight members being present and eight in favor.

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #09-0305 be passed by the City Council.

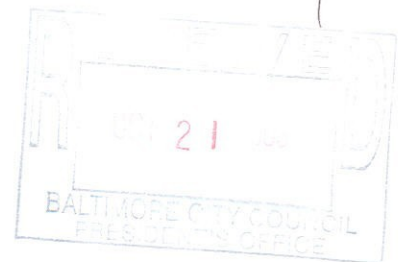
If you have any questions, please contact Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief of Land Use and Urban Design, at (410) 396-4488.

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Attachment

CC:

- Mr. Andrew Frank, Deputy Mayor
- Mr. Demuane Millard, Chief of Staff
- Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office
- The Honorable "Rikki" Spector, City Council Rep – Planning Commission
- Ms. Nikol Naybors-Jackson, DHCD
- Mr. David Tanner, BMZA
- Mr. Larry Greene, Council Services
- Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration
- Mr. Keith Scroggins, BCPSS





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Mayor

PLANNING COMMISSION

Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Chairman

STAFF REPORT



Thomas J. Stosur
Director

October 8, 2009

REQUEST: City Council Bill #09-0305/ City Property - Renaming Bentalou Elementary School #150 to Mary Ann Winterling Elementary School #150

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Melvin Hicks

PETITIONER(s): City Council

OWNER: Mayor and City Council of Baltimore

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: The subject property is located at 220 North Bentalou Street (Block 2157, Lot 006). It is improved with an existing elementary school building. The school site is also improved with green open space for the students, playground, basketball court, and a faculty parking lot.

General Area: Bentalou Elementary School #150 is located at the end of North Bentalou Street. This site is located in southwest Baltimore within the Penrose / Fayette Street Outreach neighborhood of Baltimore City. This site is surrounded by multi-family housing and manufacturing businesses.

HISTORY

There are no previous legislative or Planning Commission actions regarding this site.

CONFORMITY TO PLANS

This action is consistent with the City of Baltimore's Comprehensive Master Plan, with respect to the enhancement of Baltimore's history and culture.

ANALYSIS

This bill will rename Bentalou Elementary School #150 to Mary Ann Winterling Elementary School #150, located at 220 North Bentalou Street. The late Mary Ann Winterling was born in Baltimore, Maryland and raised above her parents' Foster Avenue restaurant. Ms. Winterling received her education in the Baltimore Parochial School System. She attended Sacred Heart of Jesus Parochial School and was a 1961 graduate of the Institute of Notre Dame. She earned

a degree at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland and a master's degree from John Hopkins University.

Ms. Mary Ann Winterling worked for Baltimore City Public School System for 44 years. Ms. Winterling spent 35 years, 29 as the school's principal, at Bentalou Elementary School. She affectionately made Bentalou Elementary School her home away from home. During her stay, Ms. Winterling watched the school go through some historic transitions. She was there during the integration of public schools and for Bentalou being named a Maryland Blue Ribbon School in 2003 under her leadership. Ms. Winterling inspired her students and the parents to expect more out of education and the growth of their children. In 2000, Ms. Winterling won media attention when 27 of her third-graders read more than 500 books in a little more than a month. As a result, they received gifts and \$1,000 for book purchases from the Saturn Corporation. She did such a good job at her profession, when the school board wanted to stop the imposed busing of students, white parents protested, saying they wanted their children to remain at the 90 percent black school.

Ms. Winterling was well loved by her students, faculty, and the parents. She prided herself for running a no nonsense school with a family atmosphere that welcomed parent involvement. Therefore, the Department of Planning believes it is a fitting tribute to rename Bentalou Elementary School to Mary Ann Winterling Elementary School #150 in Ms. Winterling's honor.

Staff notified family, Bentalou Elementary School #150, Communities Organized to Improve Life – (COIL), Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, Baltimore City Public School System's Chief Executive Officer, Baltimore City Public School System School and Facilities Planning Office, Office of the Chief Operation Officer, Delegate of the 44th Legislative District, and the City Council Representative of this action.



Thomas J. Stosur
Director